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Public Safety Appreciation BBQ Returns

Every year, hundreds of Downtowners come together to eat and say thank you to police, firefighters, California Highway Patrol members and other public safety officials. The opportunity returns Thursday, Oct. 15, when the **Downtown Center Business Improvement District** hosts the 16th annual **Public Safety Appreciation BBQ**. The event, which runs from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Bank of America Plaza (333 S. Hope St.) costs \$10 (\$5 for kids) and buys a lunch with tri-tip, chicken and sides (vegetarian options are available). Public safety employees eat free. There will be live music, giveaways from local vendors and more, and proceeds benefit the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, which helps the families of officers killed in the line of duty. Tickets can be purchased in advance at downtownla.com/bbq or at the event.

Seven Downtown Famima!! Stores Closing as Chain Shuttters

When Japanese retailer FamilyMart Co. debuted its **Famima!!** convenience store in California in 2005, the company announced a goal of opening 200 stores in the United States within four years. It fell short of the plan, and Famima!! is now being shut down. Seven of the

brand's eight U.S. stores were in Downtown Los Angeles, including outposts at California Plaza and the Spring Arcade Building, and they will close by the end of October. Famima!! is known for its selection of drinks, snacks and other convenience-store staples, as well as Japanese items such as boxed bento lunches and steamed buns. FamilyMart pulling out of the U.S. probably has more to do with the company's planning missteps than a lack of demand for the Famima!! concept, said Avision Young retail broker **Derrick Moore**. There continues to be demand for convenience stores in Downtown, he added, especially those with upmarket choices. "Product offerings are starting to change for new audiences. Organic, gluten-free, local — that's what people in a growing urban area want," Moore said.

Movies and More At Union Station

Last week, **Union Station** held a series of fashion shows. This week, the rail landmark offers another reason to visit: free movies. A recently launched film series, orchestrated by **Metro Art Presents**, continues Thursday, Oct. 15, with *Hito Hata: Raise the Banner*, a 1980 drama about Japanese Americans set in Little Tokyo. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the film starts at 8 p.m., with an introduction from director Robert Nakamura. Other films in the series include *Killer of Sheep* on Nov. 12 and *Water and Power*, based on a play by local theater troupe Culture Clash, on Dec. 9. All films will be screened in the Fred Harvey Room and those who show a Metro TAP card can get preferential seating. The movies are just part of the Metro Art Presents lineup. Coming Nov. 6 is the L.A. Brass Quintet, with musicians from Downtown's

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Colburn School. The 4 p.m. performance will be in the Union Station waiting room. More information is at metro.net/about/union-station.

Free Concert Series Launches at One Santa Fe

As the Arts District grows, the cultural opportunities are expanding. The massive mixed-use housing and retail development **One Santa Fe** this week will kick off a free Friday night concert series. The happenings organized by **Joe Moller Events** and **Spaceland Productions** will

begin at 7 p.m., with music starting an hour later. Playing Friday, Oct. 16, is the two-man band Swimm. Other concerts include Mexico 68 on Oct. 23 and Beach Party on Nov. 6. During the shows, which run through Nov. 13, stores and restaurants at the project's retail component, The Yards, will be open; the new Grow market will offer special boxed-dinner options. "We encourage guests to come early to see what One Santa Fe has to offer while they enjoy the Arts District in a way they haven't before, under the stars, listening to amazing, eclectic bands," said Moller. Visitors can bring blankets, chairs and picnics. More information is at osfla.com.



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